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22170:PROCBLS EXROSS: ALL LINES DOWN. FOLLOWING UPDATER:

CHRISTIAN EXTREMISTS SHELLED ARAB LEAGUE TROOPS MANNING BUFFER ZONE BEIRUT THURSDAY ETAS HEAVY FIGHT ERUPTS MOST FRONTS, LEFTIST ANNOUNCE FORMATION GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TO ADMINSTER THEIR HALF DIVIDED CAPTIAL. LEFTIST LEADER JUMBLATT SAID "CENTRAL POLITICAL COUNCIL" COMPRISING 12 LEFTIST, SOCIALIST ETCOMMUNIST PARTIES WUD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATING EVERYTHING FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS TO FOREIGN RELATIONS ETCOORDINATING MILITARY MATTERS. COUNIL WAS SEEN AS COUNTERBALANCE TO GOVERNMENTAL APPARTUS ESTABLISHED BY CHRISTIANS LAST MONTH ET, ALTHOUGB LEFTIST HDI CLAIMED XXX ALTHO LEFTIST DISCLAIMED THIS WAS THEIR INTENTION, AS SETP IT BROUGHT LEBANON CLOSER TO SANCTION-
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ING THE DE FACTO PARTITION EXISTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. NINE

SAUDI SOLDIERS WOUNDED, THREE SERIOUSLY, WHEN MORTARS FELL
SECOND DAY ALONG 800YD "GREEN LINE" CROSSING BETWEEN CHRISTIAN
EAST ETMOSLEM WEST BIERUT FIGHTING ALSO FORCED RED CROSS ABANDON
ATTEMPTS EVACUATE WOUNDED EXPAL CAMP TALL ZAATAR UNDER CHRISTIAN
SIEGE SOUTHEAST BEIRUT. RED CROSS SCOUT CAR TRIED ENTER CAMP,
WHERE 1,000 WOUNDED REPORTEDLY TRAPPED WITHOUT MEDICINES OR BANDAGES
UNDERCAME ROCKET FIRE ETFORCED RETREAT, RC SPOKESMAN SAID.
WAS FOURTH FUTILE ATTEMPT THIS MONTH EVACUATE WOUNDED, WHO
KFCLUDD SWEDISFETKPZWLOGZWE ARE SICK OF
PLAYING GAMES. WE CANNOT DEAL ANYMORE WITH HALF-DAY CEASEFIRES. EITH
ER WARRING PARTIES REALIZE THIS OR WHOLE THING IS OFF, SPOKESMAN
JEAN HOEFLIGER SAID. ARAB LEAGUE MEDIATORS MEETING RIVAL PALET
CHRISTIAN CHIEFS TRY TO CEMENT ETEXTEND LIMITED TRUCT WAS TOHAVE
INNONE EFFECT GREEN ZONE WITH ARRIVAL WEDNESDAY OF 150 SAUDIAS
FROM 2,500-MAN LEAGUE FORCE AT AIRPORT. TWAS FIRST REAL ATTEMPT
BY LEAGUE TO ENFORCE TRUCE SINCE ARRIAVL THEIR TROOPS LAST
MONTH ET, TOGETHER WITH SOME SIGNS PROGRESS LIBYAN EFFORTS
RECONCILE SYRIA ETPALS, HAD GIVEN RISE HOPES TTOUTLINES OF
LEBANESE PEACE MAY FINALLY BE EMMRGING AFTER 15 MONTHS CIVIL WAR.
BUT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE WITH NOTHING MORE TANGIBLE THATN
HOPE TO SUSTAIN THEM, GROUND WAR ESCALATED THURSDAY ETONTOOK
NEW TWISTT WITH REPORTS TTFIGHTING SPRED FOR FIRST TIME TO
ARMENIAN QUARTER OF CAPITAL. BOTH RIGHTIST ETLEFTIST REPORTED
HEAVY FIGHTING "ALL TYPES WEAPONS" RAGING TWIXT ARMENIAN QUARTER
BORJ HAMMOUND EYNEIGHBORING MOSLEM NABAA NORTHEAST BEIRUT.
RIGHTIST SAID ARMENIANS SPEARHEADED THRUST INTO NABAA RETALIATION
LEFTIST ATTACK ONITELY. RIGHTIST ATTAK PRONABBAA, A MOSLEM ENCLAVE
CHRISTIAN BEIRUT, HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME BUT FACT TTIT
CAME EXBORJ SURPRIZING IN NVIEW OF FACT OF ARMENIANS DELCARED
NEUTRALITY IN WAR. RIGHTIST SOURCES EXPHALANGIST PARTY BLAMED
THEIR ULTRARIGHTIST ALLIES FROM CHAMOUN JS NATILBAL LIBERALS FOR
BOTH ATTACK PROSAUDIAS EETHE FIGHTING TTPREVENTED REDCROOS
FROM EVACUATION TALZAATAR WOUNDED. PHALSOURCES SD CHAMOUNISTS
IN FAVOR FINISHING OFF CAMP, UNDER SIEGE ONE MONTH, BEFORE
TRUCE-. CHAMOUNISTS SHELLED SAUDIAS AS THEY UPTAKING POSITIONS
WEDNESDAY, KILLING FOUR BYSTANDERS ETWOUNDING 20 FROM CROWD OF
ONLOOKERS. INESERT DAMASCUS RADIO SAID ASSAD MET PALESTINIAN
DELEGATION TODAY. UNGAVE DETAILS.ROSS

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